

GIANTS AGAIN LEAD IN SIZZLING RACE

Matty Holds Brooklyn Quiescent
and Incidentally Wields the
Willow Hard.

SCORE IS SEVEN TO FOUR

**Large Crowd Jams Into Washington Park and Sees Mc-
Graw's Men Put Important
Game on Ice Early.**

Perched again on the top rung of the ladder by virtue of their tenth victory over the Brooklyn Superbas, the Giants are now viewing with complacency the heated struggle in the National League pennant race and looking forward to two more games with Brooklyn and four with Boston this week. Although he shut out the Boston Terriers only last Wednesday, Mathewson regarded that feat as only a little work out and turned to against the Superbas yesterday at Washington Park to win his twelfth victory of the season by a score of 7 to 4.

It looked as if Bill Dahmen conceded the game to the Giants when he learned that Matty was going to pitch, because he sent Schardt, of Milwaukee, to the mound. The young twirler promptly passed Devore and Bridwell at the start of the game and hit Snodgrass, filling the bases. Even Dahmen was not disposed to make the contest any such walkoff as this start promised, so Knetzer was hurried to the rescue. The latter coolly faced the fire, and although a run was scored on a sacrifice fly, Crandall ended the frame by striking out.

A big crowd of some eighteen thousand "fans" from Brooklyn and Manhattan was on hand to witness the fray. Nearly every seat in the grandstand was taken, and the throng overflowed on to the field, making ground rules necessary. Prominent among the spectators was Miss May Tully, who journeyed across the bridge to see the vaudeville battery of Mathewson and Meyers perform. She proved a good mascot, and the Giants won with ease, although errors by the Superbas figured prominently in the scoring of four runs.

Matty had Brooklyn well in hand at all stages of the game. When New York took a five-run lead he eased up a trifle and let the Superbas score three runs just to make things interesting, three singles being bunched with an error in the fifth inning. A triple by Stark and Coulson's single in the eighth gave the Superbas their fourth tally, but they were never able to head the Giants.

The big twirler allowed only eight scattered hits, struck out six batters and gave two passes. He never really was compelled to extend himself, but whenever the Superbas scored Matty immediately put them out in order in the succeeding innings just to show them that he could pitch when he wanted to.

Knetzer was hit hard and often, but managed to keep the twelve hits he allowed so well distributed that the Giants were able to score only seven runs. It is doubtful if they would have tallied as many had the brilliant support which Knetzer received at times been maintained throughout the game.

Matty had a field day with the stick, pounding out three singles, while Murray equalled this record. Knetzer, evidently having in mind the two triples that Crandall rapped out the last time the pitcher faced him, seemed to have solved Ott's weakness. He struck him out twice, and that completed Knetzer's strike-out record for the day, no other member of the Giants fanning. Although Crandall came up to bat five times, he could not even draw a pass, to say nothing of hitting safely. Devore was robbed of a clean hit in the eighth. With Matty at first, Jones dropped a Texas League into centre field. Matty thought that Bursh was going to catch the ball, and was unable to reach second before Hummel caught the relay in for a force-out. It was a good play on the part of Bursh, and Devore could not be credited with a hit.

Wheat played a crackjack game in left for the Superbas, making five put-outs and several brilliant catches. Hummel knocked down a vicious drive off Meyer's bat in the seventh to throw the runner out at first. Altogether, the Brooklyn second baseman accepted eight chances and without an error. Bridwell, Merle and Merkli pulled off a snappy double play in the fourth, ending an inning in which Stark had singled and Coulson walked.

Bridwell returned to the game after an absence of nearly a week owing to stomach trouble. His fielding was a trifle unsteady, but at bat he made two hits and drew a pass. Larry Doyle, who was spiced up by Bursh on Thursday but stuck out the game, was obliged to retire yesterday, and the two sides were evenly matched.

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